



State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations  
GUBERNATORIAL PROCLAMATION

**Hurricane Sandy Volunteer Appreciation Day**

**WHEREAS**, Hurricane Sandy devastated portions of the Caribbean, the Mid-Atlantic and Northeastern United States, and struck Rhode Island on October 29, 2012; and

**WHEREAS**, in response to the devastation, over 2,200 volunteers signed up on the Serve Rhode Island website to assist with response to Hurricane Sandy and more than 900 volunteers have served over 1,250 volunteer days and 5,800 hours of service participating in recovery projects; and

**WHEREAS**, United Way 2-1-1 specialists took damage reports and provided information to callers impacted by the storm and shelter workers assisted the Red Cross in providing respite to those who evacuated or lost power; and

**WHEREAS**, volunteer food inspectors/observers went into local restaurants that lost power during the storm to ensure food safety standards were being followed; and


**WHEREAS**, Serve Rhode Island's Hurricane Sandy recovery efforts have been covered in 11 major media stories and mentioned frequently on the radio and television news; and

**WHEREAS**, Serve Rhode Island's clean up projects in Westerly are done in collaboration with the Misquamicut Business Association and the Greater Westerly Pawcatuck Chamber of Commerce; and


**WHEREAS**, Washington Trust contributed to the cost of bussing volunteers into the impacted area and recruiting their staff to participate in the clean ups; the Salvation Army provided their Canteen Truck to feed volunteers in Westerly; the Jonnycake Center of Westerly provided a box truck for securing supplies and a contribution to the costs of bussing; the Pawtucket Housing Authority and Camp Aldersgate housed national response teams; the RI Community Food Bank provided food for the National Civilian Community Corps River 7 Team who assisted in the clean up efforts; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, I, Lincoln D. Chafee**, Governor of the State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations, do hereby proclaim December 13, 2012 as Hurricane Sandy Volunteer Appreciation Day in the State of Rhode Island and encourage all state residents to recognize the importance of this day.



  
A. Ralph Mollis  
Secretary of State

Given under my hand and the great  
seal of the State of Rhode Island  
and Providence Plantations,  
this 12<sup>th</sup> day of December, 2012

  
Lincoln D. Chafee  
Governor